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IN THE APPLICATION OF:

LEO ERNEST MANZER ET. AL.

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EXAMINER: IRINA SOPHIA ZEMEL
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FOR: PRODUCTION OF POLYTRIMETHYLENE ETHER GLYCOL AND COPOLYMERS
THEREOF

LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This letter is submitted to point to an inconsistency in status of the subject patent application and USSN 10/760,339. This matter was discussed over the telephone with Examiner's Seidleck and Richter in order to obtain guidance concerning how to proceed on June 29, 2005.

Applicants have filed a terminal disclaimer against USSN 10/760,339 in the subject patent application.

The subject patent application is allowed. It contains claims directed to a process for the manufacture of polytrimethylene ether glycol. The invention, as described in claim 1, comprises polycondensing 1,3-propanediol reactant (and 20 weight % or less of comonomer diol) to form a polytrimethylene ether glycol at less than one atmosphere pressure using a polycondensation catalyst.

USSN 10/760,339 contains claims directed to a continuous process of making polytrimethylene ether glycol. Claim 83 is focused on continuously polycondensing a 1,3-propanediol reactant to polytrimethylene ether glycol in a reactor at a pressure of less than one atmosphere. Other pending claims also recite carrying out the process at low pressure, and include claims 54-59, 63 and 84-89. These claims stand rejected under 35

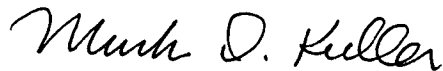
U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Morris et al., U.S. Patent No. 2,520,733, in view of Wagner et al, WO 98/27123, corresponding to U.S. Patent No. 6,187,898 B1.

Applicants are paying the issue fee for the subject patent application herewith, and are filing a request for continued examination in USSN 10/760,339.

Applicants submit that the claims of the subject patent application are allowable and request that the Patent Office continue to pass the subject application to issue.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed direct dial telephone number concerning this matter or any other matters concerning the subject patent application or USSN 10/760,339.

Respectfully submitted,



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